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1. A SENIOR ASEAN DIPLOMAT HAS TOLD US THAT HE HAD LEARNED FROM A CHINESE DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE THAT THE ASSISTANCE PROTOCOL SIGNED IN JANUARY BETWEEN THE PRC AND THE LPDR 'REFTEL) WAS FOR A TOTAL OF 30 MILLION YUAN(C. $15 MILLION) IN A SOFT LONG TERM LOAN.

2. ACCORDING TO THE CHINESE SOURCE, THE PROTOCOL CALLED FOR DAM AND SUGAR REFINERY CONSTRUCTION IN THE NORTHERN PART OF LAOS. THE PROTOCOL ALSO INCLUDED A CHINESE PLEDGE TO BUILD A CEMENT FACTORY (REFTEL).

3. THE PRC EXPECTS TO COMPLETE THE PAK OU - LUANG
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PRABANG ROAD LINK IN 1978. CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHINESE ROAD LINKING NAM BAK AND MUONG HIEM IS ALSO NEARING COMPLETION. ACCORDING TO THE ASEAN DIPLOMAT, BOTH THE NAM BAK - MUONG HIEM AND PAK OU - LUANG PRABANG ROAD LINKS WERE NOT MENTIONED IN THE JANUARY 1978 PROTOCOL SINCE THIS ROAD CONSTRUCTION BY THE CHINESE WAS BASED ON EARLIER PRC-LPDR AGREEMENTS.

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